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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/403,072
Filing Date	January 19, 2000
First Named Inventor	Ronny Knepple
Group Art Unit	2876
Examiner Name	Diane I. Lee
Attorney Docket Number	03144-P0019A

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); interim Rule 65 Red. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - III. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall be exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4516.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 11/18/2003 AWONDAF1 00000027 09403072
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 0P
 - iii. Other Any Fee Deficiency
- b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	November 12, 2003

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**

(\$ 770.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Other None
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Deposit Account Number

19-4516

Deposit Account Name

St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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 Charge fees(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1101	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2202	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
		SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)	0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	20	-20**	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			0	X	
Independent Claims	2	-3**=	0.00	X	0.00
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1201	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 over original patent	
		SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)	0.00

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
	1051	130		2051	65	Surcharge - late filing for or oath	
	1052	50		2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing or cover sheet	
	1053	130		1053	130	Non-English specification	
	1812	2,520		1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
	1804	920*		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
	1805	1,840*		1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
	1251	110		2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
	1252	40		2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
	1253	950		2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
	1254	1,450		2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
	1255	1,970		2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
	1401	330		2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
	1402	330		2402	165	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
	1403	290		2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
	1451	1,510		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
	1452	110		2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
	1453	1,330		2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
	1501	1,330		2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
	1502	480		2502	240	Design issue fee	
	1503	640		2503	320	Plant issue fee	
	1460	130		1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
	1807	50		1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
	1806	180		1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
	8021	40		8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
	1809	770		2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
	1810	770		2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
	1801	770		2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
	1802	900		1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
	Other fee (specify)						

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 770.00)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Ronny Knepple, <i>et al.</i>
Serial No. 09/403,072	Filing Date: January 19, 2000
Title of Application:	Method For Labelling Sample Containers
Confirmation No. 6808	Art Unit: 2876
Examiner	Diane I. Lee

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A Preliminary Amendment in a
Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F. R. §1.114

In response to the final Office Action, mailed on August 12, 2003, in the above U.S. patent application, Applicants herewith present Amendments and Remarks in a Request for Continued Examination thereof. Please amend the Claims as set forth below.

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